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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAIR, PK

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF ATLAS AIRCRAFT CORPORATION

BOEING 720

REF: STATE 108650

1. ON MAY 26 CONSULATE GENERAL OFFICER CALLED ON DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION, AIR VICE MARSHAL HALL, TO DISCUSS THE STATUS OF ATLAS AIRCRAFT CORPORATION BOEING 720 AND REQUEST ITS RELEASE TO ATLAS AIRCRAFT CORPORATION. AFTER REVIEWING DOCUMENTS PROVIDED BY ATLAS AIRCRAFT CORPORATION AND OUR LETTER SUMMARIZING PARAGRAPHS FIVE AND SIX OF REFTEL, AIR VICE MARSHALL HALL CALLED ON HIS DEPUTY DIRECTOR TO REVIEW STATUS OF THE AIRCRAFT AND TO SEE WHAT ADDITIONAL STEPS NEED TO BE TAKEN PRIOR TO RELEASE BY PAKISTAN CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITIES.

2. PAKISTAN CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITIES ARE NOW ACCEPTING ATLAS AIRCRAFT CORPORATION AS THE BONA FIDE OWNER OF THE AIRCRAFT IN QUESTION. THEY ASK ONLY THAT THE CONSULATE GENERAL IN KARACHI VERIFY SEVERAL LETTERS SENT TO THEM ON THIS MATTER BY FAA. HOWEVER, IT IS THEIR POSITION THAT THEY CANNOT RELEASE THE AIRCRAFT UNTIL THEY HAVE AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT BY SRI LANKA  
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CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITIES TO THE EFFECT THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF SRI LANKA HAS NO CLAIM ON THE AIRCRAFT IN QUESTION AND NO OBJECTION TO ITS RELEASE TO ATLAS AIRCRAFT CORPORATION.

3. CIVIL AVIATION OFFICIALS WILL PROVIDE FAA DOCUMENTS WHICH THEY DESIRE CONSULATE GENERAL TO VERIFY AND AUTHENTICATE. WHEN THEY ARE RECEIVED, WE WILL REVIEW THEM AND, IF NECESSARY, SEEK

DEPARTMENT/FAA GUIDANCE. IT IS ALSO REQUESTED THAT, VIA OUR EMBASSY IN COLOMBO, WE INITIATE CONTACT ON THIS MATTER WITH SRI LANKAN CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITIES AND OBTAIN THE NECESSARY STATEMENT/RELEASE.

4. FOR COLOMBO: REQUEST EMBASSY OFFICER CONTACT APPROPRIATE SRI LANKAN CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITIES, EXPLAIN STATUS OF CASE VIS-A-VIS PAKISTAN CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITIES, AND OBTAIN THE NECESSARY STATEMENT INDICATING THAT THERE IS NO LEGAL CLAIM ON THIS AIRCRAFT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF SRI LANKA AND NO OBJECTION TO ITS RELEASE TO THE RIGHTFUL OWNER, ATLAS AIRCRAFT CORPORATION.

5. AIRCRAFT STATUS: AIRCRAFT IS PRESENTLY UNDERGOING REPAIR WORK, AND SHOULD BE OPERATIONAL WITHIN TEN DAYS.  
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